

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY

MDTE No. 1020B  
Cancels MDPU No. 833

BUSINESS RECOVERY RIDER

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**AVAILABILITY:** This Rider is available to any existing commercial or industrial customer that has received service from the Company for twelve months or more on the Company's large general service Rate T-2 and that is experiencing short term economic hardship.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** The Customer must demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Company:

1. That it is about to cease or substantially reduce operations in the Company's service area due to a prolonged inability to maintain profitability, and it has a viable business plan that seeks, among other things, concessions from suppliers, creditors, employees, and tax and other state and local government agencies to restore the Customer to profitability; and
2. That this Rider's discount, either alone or in conjunction with concessions from the State and/or local governments and/or from the Customer's other suppliers of goods and services, is necessary and sufficient to return the Customer's operation in the Company's service area to profitability.

**REQUIREMENTS:**

1. The Customer shall begin and/or continue implementation of cost-effective conservation and load management measures and programs, as determined appropriate by the Company.
2. The Customer shall consult with the Massachusetts Department of Commerce and Development or its successor agency regarding the Customer's request for service under this Rider.
3. The Company must demonstrate to its own satisfaction that, by serving the qualifying Customer's load at the discount provided by this Rider, the revenue requirements to be recovered from the Company's remaining customers would be lower than if the qualifying Customer's load were not served by the Company.

**MONTHLY CHARGES:**

The Company will determine the monthly charges for a qualified Customer. The maximum charges shall be those of the appropriate full requirements rate. The minimum charges shall be:

1. An appropriate administrative charge for customer billing, plus
2. The Company's Transmission and Standard Service charges.

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TERM:

To be negotiated by the Customer and the Company for a period not to exceed five years.

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